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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 9-14 as follows:

A¹ --9. A method for producing vinegar comprising the steps of:
absorbing water to a cereal as a material, said cereal selected from the group consisting of rice, wheat and corn; and
brewing said material with said water to produce vinegar, wherein at least a portion of said water used in said steps comprises at least sea water.

10. A method for producing vinegar comprising the steps of:
steaming a cereal as a material, said cereal selected from the group consisting of rice, wheat and corn, with water; and
brewing said material with said water, wherein at least a portion of said water used in said steps comprises sea water.